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Mr. William F. Caton  
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**Re:** *Ex Parte* Presentation  
RM-8658

Dear Mr. Caton:

On Friday, September 15, 1995, Mr. Randall S. Coleman, Vice President of Regulatory Policy and Law, the Cellular Telecommunications Industry Association ("CTIA") sent the attached letter to Ms. Regina Keeney, Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, and Mr. Richard Smith, Chief, Office of Science and Technology. The letter concerns issues raised in the Petition for Rule Making to amend Section 68.4 of the Commission's Rules: Hearing Aid Compatible Telephones.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's Rules, an original and one copy of this letter and the attachments are being filed with your office. If you have any questions concerning this submission, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

Andrea D. Williams  
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Attachments

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**RE:** Hearing Aid Compatible Telephones  
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Dear Gina:

On Thursday, September 14, 1995, Mr. Thomas Wheeler, President and CEO of CTIA, sent the attached letter to Chairman Reed Hundt with copies to Commissioners Quello, Barrett, Chong and Ness. The letter addresses the wireless telecommunications industry's continuing commitment to ensure that all consumers, including the hearing impaired, have access to wireless telecommunications.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Randall S. Coleman".

Randall S. Coleman

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Dear Mr. Chairman:

Yesterday, Miss America 1995 Heather Whitestone talked with First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton thanking her and the President for supporting her efforts on behalf of persons with disabilities, particularly the hearing impaired. This call, by a person whose disability previously made the use of a telephone impossible, was made possible with the use of a wireless telephone and the Hearing Aid Telephone Interconnect System (HATIS™) device.

The HATIS™ device is a technological innovation which enables persons with up to 99 percent hearing loss to use the same wireless communications devices used by millions of Americans. It is one type of technological innovation that makes wireless telecommunications more accessible to the hearing impaired and enables them to experience the security, personal convenience and access to emergency communications as other mobile phone users.

I have enclosed some information on the HATIS™ and a videotape of Miss Whitestone's telephone call to Mrs. Clinton. This event demonstrates the wireless telecommunications industry's continuing commitment to ensure that all people have access to communications wherever and whenever they want. While CTIA does not endorse specific products or services, it does support technological innovations which make wireless telecommunications services and products accessible to all consumers, including the more than 30 million Americans who are hearing impaired.

Very truly yours,

Thomas E. Wheeler

Enclosure

cc: Commissioner James Quello  
Commissioner Andrew Barrett  
Commissioner Rachelle Chong  
Commissioner Susan Ness